

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Relations with the Public

The school board recognizes citizens' right to participate in educational decisions and their right to be informed about how pupils are being educated and how school funds are spent. The board endorses an affirmative public communication policy and accepts responsibility for keeping the people informed about schools. In cooperation with administrators and teachers it seeks opportunity to inform individual citizens and organizations about educational services, accomplishments, needs, problems, costs, revenues and expenditures.

The board and administration seek and welcome individual and group opinions, suggestions, and questions regarding school affairs. All board meetings shall be open to the public and to press, television, and radio reporters. Closed executive sessions shall be held only in compliance with State law.

School Board members, administrators, and teachers recognize newspapers and radio and television broadcasting stations to be important means of keeping people informed about school services, problems, and needs. They welcome the interest and assistance of publishers, editors, station managers, and reporters. Board members, administrators, and teachers desire to provide representatives of all communication media with available facts about schools. They recognize the right of the individual reporters to seek facts which are of special interest to them and will help them obtain such facts. All releases prepared by the school personnel shall be made available to all media at as nearly the same time as possible.

The superintendent is authorized to prepare publications needed to keep citizens informed about educational services, achievements, needs, costs, revenues, and expenditures.

All school personnel shall seek to maintain relationships with pupils, parents, organizations, and information media which help implement the above policy.

It shall be the duty of the School Board to call meetings in regard to school interest when deemed necessary by the board. The superintendent, chairman of the board, and/or members of the board shall attend. The chairman shall preside or may designate another member to preside.

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